

God's Word And Faith

Romans 10:17

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Introduction: Faith is belief, trust – it is based on evidence or conviction for what we cannot see. Faith stands under our hope. (Hebrews 11:1, 2, 3, 6) Jesus Christ is the ultimate basis of our faith in God, 1 Peter 1:21.

Our faith comes from God's word, the Scriptures. IN this lesson, let us study HOW it is that the Word of God gives us a basis for belief and trust in God and His Promises.

I. The Word Shows God To Be Faithful – Always Keeping His Word!

Deuteronomy 7:9; Hosea 11:12; 1 Corinthians 1:9.

A. In Old Testament Times: Promises Realized IN Their Time

1. Abraham & Sarah, Genesis 12:1, 2, "Get Out" – "Blessed" By Faith they obeyed, Hebrews 11:8 – Genesis 13:6; 24:35 and the birth of Isaac, Genesis 21:1-3
2. Exodus 3:12, Israel "brought out" of Egypt, 12:51
3. Daniel 2:39, 4 Kingdoms among mankind, 2:37; 5:30; 8:21

B. Promises Realized AFTER Death of Ones Receiving Promise

1. Abraham, Land Promise, Nation Promise, Seed Promise of Genesis 12 and 22:17, 18
 - a. Nation, Genesis 26:4; 35:10-12; Exodus 19:1-8
 - b. Land, Genesis 17:8; Joshua 21:43-45 (This in spite of the deaths from unfaithfulness on Israel's part, Numbers 14:22, 23)
 - c. Seed, Galatians 3:8, 16, 26-29.
2. Moses, Deuteronomy 18:18, 19; Acts 3:22, 23
3. David, 2 Samuel 7:12, 13; Acts 2:30-36
4. Daniel 2:39, 4th kingdom, Rome, Luke 2:1 (see 10, 11)

II. God Faithful In Christ

A. God Kept All His Promises About Messiah's Coming

1. Psalm 22; Isaiah 53 with Matthew 27, 28; John 19
2. Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-23
3. Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:3; 11:10
4. Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:31, 56
5. Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:22-32
6. Psalm 22:22; Hebrews 2:11, 12
7. Psalm 68:18; Ephesians 4:8; Luke 24:15
8. Psalm 41:9; John 13:18
9. Psalm 118:26; Luke 19:38
10. And Many Others

B. Christ Kept All His Promises (Luke 9:2, 3; Luke 22:35)

1. Matthew 16:18 – Acts 2:47; Ephesians 5:25-27
2. Matthew 16:21-23 – Luke 24:6-8; Romans 1:3, 4
3. Matthew 26:26-28 – Hebrews 9:15-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
4. Matthew 24:34, 35 – Jerusalem destroyed 40 years later!
5. John 16:5-15; Acts 2:1-4; 2 Peter 1:3, 4
6. Others you and I might list!

III. True Basis of Faith

- A. God and Christ NEVER FAILED in keeping Their Word
- B. Yet People, no matter how good our intentions, OFTEN fail to do what is Right! Romans 7:15, 19; Galatians 5:17
- C. So, Our Faith Ought to Stand in God – His Word NOT in people – Jeremiah 10:23; 1 Corinthians 4:6

IV. Our Faith In God's Promises Concerning Us

- A. Salvation, Acts 2:36-47; Galatians 3:26-29; Colossians 2:12
- B. Members of the Body (church), Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 12:18; Colossians 1:12-22
- C. Colossians 1:23 – Continue in the Faith; Hebrews 4:14; 10:19-25
- D. Hope of Heaven, 1 Peter 1:3-9
- E. IN Christ, Overcome World, John 16:33; 1 John 5:3, 4; Revelation 17:14; Matthew 25:23
- F. God Will Keep His Promises of Judgment, Matthew 25:32; John 5:28, 29

Conclusion: Jesus had faith in God, the Father, 1 Peter 2:23, He put Himself in God's Power at His death on the cross – This complete trust and obedience (Philippians 2:5-10) brought Jesus to glorify God (John 17:4) and to Receive Glory with God in Heaven! THAT IS WHAT WE WANT, IS IT NOT? Can we see how important God's word is to our faith and our obedience?

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Study Questions

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1. Hebrews 11:1, Faith is the _____ of things hoped for, the _____ of things not seen.
2. Hebrews 11:6, It is impossible to please God without _____, for we must _____ that He (God) is.
3. Romans 10:17, Faith comes from hearing the _____ of God.
4. 1 Corinthians 1:9, God is described as _____. This means that He always keeps His word or promises.
5. Genesis 12:1-3; 22:17, 18, God told Abraham & Sarah to get out of their home country and go to one He would show them – WHAT did they do this? Hebrews 11:8
6. Genesis 13:6, Did God bless them?
7. Exodus 19:4-6, the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were given God's law and God called them His "kingdom of priests and a _____". (v. 6)
8. Joshua 21:43-45, God gave to Israel all the _____. (v. 43) Then in verse 45, it is said that "Not a _____ failed" of what God had promised.
9. 2 Samuel 7:12, 13, David was promised a son who would build a house for God's name and the throne of his _____ would be established _____. In Acts 2:30-36, the apostles preached that God fulfilled this in raising up _____ to sit on the throne (v. 30).
10. Did God make promises about the coming Messiah in the Old Testament? Psalm 2:2 (anointed = messiah = Christ) now read Acts 4:24, 26 – Did God fulfill His Promises??
11. Matthew 16:18, What did Christ promise to build? Did HE build it? Ephesians 5:25-27
12. Matthew 16:21, After Jesus was killed, What did He promise would happen to Him on the third day? Did this come true? Matthew 28; Luke 24, etc.
13. Colossians 2:12, When we are baptized into the death of Christ, we are raised through _____ in the working of God.
14. Colossians 1:23, "_____ you continue in the faith..."
15. 1 Peter 1:5, God's power keeps us for salvation through _____.